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**Cross-Reference to Related Patent Application**

This patent application is a divisional patent application of United States application Serial No. 09/597,502 filed June 20, 2000 which was a continuation application of United States application Serial No. 08/907,787 filed August 8, 1997 now U.S. Patent No. 6,089,794 issued July 18, 2000, and, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 120, all of these are entitled, directly or indirectly, to the benefit of the filing date of provisional United States application 60/023,933, filed 9 August 1996 in the name of Stephen B. Maguire and entitled "Vacuum Loading Apparatus and Method".